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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A Notice of Allowance for the above-identified patent application has been issued with a January 21, 2005 due date for payment of the issue fee.

The undersigned courteously requests amendment of claim 8 to establish proper multiple dependency. This Amendment is being requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 prior to payment of the issue fee.

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